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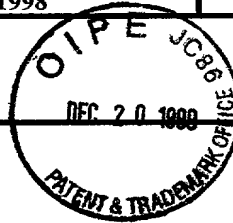
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TITLE OF INVENTION

HOLDING DEVICE FOR MONOLITHIC SORBENTS

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 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).
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13. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
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Holding device for monolithic sorbents

The invention relates to holding devices for monolithic sorbents for chromatography.

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During packing of chromatography columns with particulate sorbents, the sorbent bed comes into close contact with the jacket of the column. If, as disclosed in WO 94/19 687 and in WO 95/03 256, particulate sorbents are replaced by monolithic sorbents, the problem arises of sealing the jacket of the sorbent so as to be liquid-impermeable, pressure-resistant and inert to the eluents. Only in this way is it ensured that the eluent flows exclusively through the sorbent.

15 F. Svec and J. M. Frechet (1992) Anal. Chem. 64, pages 820 -- 822, describe how a monolithic sorbent can be polymerized into a tube. This principle is of only limited applicability in the case of ceramic sorbents, since the green compact shrinks during the subsequent firing and calcination steps: this process can only be used if the internal diameter of the tube is sufficiently small, i.e. significantly less than one centimetre. A holding device which can also be used for thicker monolithic sorbents is disclosed in

25 WO 94/19 687: a Teflon casing surrounds the ceramic rod. So that this casing provides liquid-impermeable sealing even if the operating pressure of the chromatography device is applied in the interior, the Teflon-encased ceramic rod is located in a metal pipe

30 of relatively large internal diameter in which a counterpressure is generated.

The device disclosed in WO 94/19 687 has a complex construction. The object is thus to provide simplified

35 holding devices and casings for monolithic sorbents.

The invention relates to encased monolithic sorbents based on porous mouldings, in particular those which have interconnected macropores and mesopores in the

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SiO₂), these sorbents can be used directly for chromatographic separation. More frequently, however, the basic supports are derivatized in order to improve the separation properties; additional groups grouped together under the term separation effectors are introduced.

Separation effectors and processes for their introduction into the basic supports are known in principle to the person skilled in the art. Examples of reactions by means of which separation effectors can be introduced are the following:

a) Derivatization using silane derivatives of the formula I



in which

X is methoxy, ethoxy, halogen or amino derivatives,

R¹ is C₁-C₅-alkyl,

n is 1, 2 or 3

and

R² has one of the following meanings:

a1) unsubstituted or substituted alkyl or aryl, such as, for example, n-octadecyl, n-octyl, benzyl or cyanopropyl;

a2) anionic or acidic radicals, such as, for example, carboxypropyl;

a3) cationic or basic radicals, such as, for example, aminopropyl, diethylaminopropyl or triethylammoniumpropyl;

a4) hydrophilic radicals, such as, for example, (2,3-dihydroxypropyl)oxypropyl;

a5) activated radicals capable of bonding, such as, for example, (2,3-epoxypropyl)oxypropyl.

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- b) Adsorption or chemical bonding of polymers, such as polybutadiene, siloxanes, polymers based on styrene-divinylbenzene, on (meth)acrylic acid derivatives or on other vinyl compounds, and on peptides, proteins, polysaccharides and polysaccharide derivatives to the basic support;
- c) Chemical bonding of polymers mentioned under b) via the derivatives mentioned under a); these include graft polymers of poly(meth)acrylic acid derivatives on diol-modified silica gel in accordance with EP-B-0 337 144.
- d) Adsorption or chemical bonding of chiral phases, such as, for example, amino acid derivatives, peptides or proteins, or of cyclodextrins, polysaccharides or polysaccharide derivatives.

Further customary derivatization possibilities and derivatization processes are known to the person skilled in the art and are described in the common handbooks, such as Unger, K. K. (ed.), Porous Silica, Elsevier Scientific Publishing Company (1979) or Unger, K. K., Packings and Stationery Phases in Chromatographic Techniques, Marcel Dekker (1990).

Further examples of various separation effectors and of processes for introducing separation effectors into monolithic sorbents are given in the following publications:

- a) DE 38 11 042 discloses, inter alia, monomers which are suitable for the preparation of ion exchangers; these include, for example, acrylic acid, N-(sulfoethyl)acrylamide, 2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulfonic acid, N,N-dimethylaminoethylacrylamide, N,N-diethylaminoethylacrylamide and trimethylammoniumethylacrylamide.

Other monomers mentioned in this document allow the bonding of affinity ligands or of enzymes, or are suitable for reversed phase chromatography: these include, for example, acrylic acid, acrylamide, allylamine and acrylonitrile.

b) DE 43 10 964 discloses monomers containing an oxirane ring, an azlactone ring or a group which can be converted into an azlactone ring. Polymers containing monomers of this type are particularly suitable for binding affinity ligands or enzymes. Affinity ligands are disclosed by way of example in DE 43 10 964.

The epoxide groups in such polymers can furthermore advantageously be reacted further, allowing the preparation of ion exchangers, thiophilic sorbents or sorbents for metal chelate or hydrophobic chromatography. Here, phosphoric acid, diethylamine, trimethylamine, sulfurous acid or complexing agents, such as iminodiacetic acid, can be added onto the oxirane ring.

The preparation of thiophilic sorbents and sorbents for metal chelate chromatography is disclosed in DE 43 10 964.

DE 43 33 674 and DE 43 33 821 disclose reactions by means of which ion exchangers can be prepared.

DE 43 23 913 describes sorbents for hydrophobic interaction chromatography.

The term "monolithic sorbent" is taken to mean, in accordance with the invention, both a porous base element and a porous base element derivatized by means of separation effectors.

The object is achieved in a simplified manner by encasing the monolithic sorbent as described in WO 94/19 687 with Teflon, PTFE or FEP, for example by shrinking-on a thin-walled tube. In a second step, a
5 further pressure-resistant covering is then provided. To this end, the monolithic sorbent encased in the thin-walled tube is cast in a tube containing synthetic resin, for example an epoxy or polyimine resin, or sintered with a plastic. Additional covering with a
10 laminate material with glass or carbon fibre reinforcement is also suitable for pressing the inner casing tightly against the monolithic sorbent.

The simplest solution is to apply a sufficiently
15 pressure-resistant and solvent-resistant plastic casing to the monolithic sorbent. Plastics which are suitable for this application are known, for example polyether ketones, such as polyether ether ketones (PEEK). These plastics can be applied to the monolithic sorbent in
20 the form of a powder and subsequently melted or sintered. PTFE is also suitable for application by sintering.

Another way of producing monolithic sorbents encased in
25 this way is to extrude the plastic onto the ceramic rod. In this case, the ceramic rod is fed through a crosshead die in parallel to the extrusion of a tube. The freshly extruded tube surrounds (hot) the ceramic rod and is additionally pressed against the ceramic
30 rod, for example by a pressure device. It is also possible to warm a pre-shaped tube instead of producing a tube by extrusion. This mechanical pressing and additional sintering during cooling produce a tight casing. It is also possible to introduce the ceramic
35 rod into a prefabricated tube whose internal diameter is slightly larger than the external diameter of the ceramic rod, and then to warm the plastic so that the tube can be reduced to the final diameter and thus tightly surrounds the ceramic rod.

In a further variant, the plastic casing is produced by flame spraying or single or multiple shrinking-on.

5 The pores of the outer surface of the monolithic sorbent can also be sealed by coating with a resin or a polysiloxane or another substance which solidifies to form an impermeable, pore-free layer. It is also possible to coat the outer surface of a monolithic
10 sorbent consisting of ceramic material with a glass having the lowest possible melting point; in this case, the glass should preferably have a similar coefficient of thermal expansion to the monolithic sorbent.

15 Working methods and parameters are known to the person skilled in the art of plastics processing or can be optimized by conventional methods.

In principle, it is also possible to carry out the
20 last-mentioned variants of the encasing after a prior first encasing with, for example, a shrink tube or similar non-pressure-resistant material.

The monolithic sorbent encased in a pressure-resistant
25 manner can be provided with end pieces for connecting eluent feed and outlet lines (chromatography column with monolithic sorbent). End pieces can be screwed on, bonded on or shrunk on.

30 It is also possible to equip the monolithic sorbent encased in a pressure-resistant manner as a chromatographic cartridge for accommodation in a cartridge holding device. To this end, the casing can be provided, for example, with an annular groove in
35 which corresponding projections of the cartridge holding device engage. Sealing elements at the ends can, for example, be bonded or pressed in.

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Suitable designs of chromatographic columns or cartridges and their end pieces are known to the person skilled in the art and are described in the relevant literature; thus, for example, cartridges and cartridge holders are disclosed in EP 0 205 002, EP 0 268 185 and EP 0 068 343.

The encasing of a monolithic sorbent in PEEK is described below by way of example: a monolithic moulding (100 × 7.2 mm) is introduced into a PEEK tube (internal diameter 7.4 mm, wall thickness 1.5 mm). The plastic tube and moulding are warmed to about 300 - 400°C, and the plastic tube is pressed tightly onto the moulding in a pressure device. After cooling, the encased moulding is cut to a length of 83 mm.

A monolithic sorbent encased in this way can be introduced directly into a cartridge holding device as shown by way of example in Figure 1. The upper half of the device is shown. The monolithic sorbent (1) is covered by the plastic casing (7) in a liquid-impermeable manner. A distributor frit (11) is located on the front face of the monolithic sorbent, and a ring seal (12) is supported on the face of the plastic casing. The distributor frit (11) and seal (12) are located in a recess in the end piece (9), which has a connector (10) for eluent feed and outlet. The encased monolithic sorbent is located in a tube (8), for example made of aluminium or stainless steel, which is sealed by a screw cap (13). The screw cap (13) presses the end piece (9) against the plastic casing (7) and the monolithic sorbent (1).

The encasing of the monolithic sorbent can also be carried out in such a manner that it is, for example, in principle possible to re-use the casing; a design of this type is shown in Figure 2 (shown without accommodation device for eluent feed and outlet):

A self-sealing holding device into which the monolithic sorbent (1) can be inserted consists, for example, of the following constituents:

- 5 (2) a tube of ductile or elastic inert material, for example Teflon or silicone rubber, which is conical at both ends;
- (3) two terminal pieces in the shape of truncated cones with a passage for eluent feed and discharge, made of ductile or elastic inert
10 material, for example Teflon or silicone rubber;
- (4) a stainless-steel tube;
- (5) two threaded connections between the stainless-steel tube (4) and the end caps
15 (6);
 with the same function, for example, an external holding device or screw rods between the end caps/end plates;
- (6) two stainless steel end caps.
- 20 Instead of using stainless steel, other customary materials for chromatographic columns can be used.

This holding device allows the monolithic sorbent (1) to be inserted into the tube (2). For disposal, the
25 monolithic sorbent can be pushed out of the tube after use. The tube (2) and the terminal pieces (3) can be re-used, as can the stainless-steel parts (4) and (6).

The internal length of the tube (2) is longer than the
30 ceramic rod (1). When the end caps (6) are screwed onto the tube (4), the terminal pieces (3) compress the tube (2). Owing to the ductility of the materials, the monolithic sorbent is held in the device in a sealing manner.

35 A similar device is shown in Figure 3 (one half): the monolithic sorbent (1) is located in a tube (15) of a flexible, solvent-resistant material, which is itself located in a tube (14). A distributor frit (11) and a

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Claims

1. Encased monolithic sorbent based on porous mouldings which have interconnected macropores and mesopores in the walls of the macropores, where the diameter of the macropores has a median value of greater than 0.1 μm and where the diameter of the mesopores has a median value of 2 and 100 nm, characterized in that the outer surface of said monolithic sorbent is surrounded in a liquid-impermeable manner by a pressure-resistant plastic casing.
2. Use of a monolithic sorbent according to Claim 1 in a chromatographic column or a chromatographic cartridge.
3. Use of a monolithic sorbent according to Claim 1 in the chromatographic separation of at least two substances.

Holding device for monolithic sorbents

Abstract

The invention relates to encased monolithic sorbents based on porous mouldings, where the outer surface of said monolithic sorbent is surrounded in a liquid-impermeable manner by a pressure-resistant casing, for example of plastic. The casing according to the invention is in particular in the case of porous mouldings which have interconnected macropores and mesopores in the walls of the macropores, where the diameter of the macropores has a median value of greater than $0.1 \mu\text{m}$ and where the diameter of the mesopores has a median value of 2 and 100 nm. The invention furthermore relates to the use of a monolithic sorbent according to the invention in a chromatographic column or a chromatographic cartridge, and to the use of a monolithic sorbent according to the invention in the chromatographic separation of at least two substances.

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